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The Monthly Newsletter of the Canterbury/Westland Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club

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Section Meeting- July 12th – The Legend of Fred Beckey Film

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Contributions are more than welcome. Please send to nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

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Section meetings

Location: Middleton Grange Theatre

Time: 7:00pm-9:30pm

July 12th – The Legend of Fred Beckey - Fred Beckey is the original American "Dirtbag" mountaineer. The ground breaking life story of this rebel athlete, who inspired generations of climbers with his monumental first ascents and eloquent books, is told for the first time in this exclusive documentary film. Middleton Grange theatre.

Any proceeds from this film screening will support crag maintenance and other local projects.

Dirtbag tickets available at Bivouac Tower Junction and online:

<https://www.eventopia.co/event/Dirtbag-The-Legend-of-Fred-Beckey-Christchurch-2018/364513>

August 9th -Penny Webster – Mt Everest and Aconcagua / Section A.G.M.

September 13th - The ‘Bigger than Ben Hur’ gear sale.

October 11th - T.B.A.

November 8th - REEL Rock Film Tour.

December 13th - Paul Hersey.



Upcoming club trips and events

Lead a Trip: If you would like to lead a trip for the club, alpine, rock climbing, cycling or otherwise, contact Clayton Garbes at nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com

21st- 22nd July – Mount Norma - please contact Geoff Spearpoint on ggeeooffss@gmail.com ,

20th July (evening seminar) and Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd (in the field Avalanche Awareness for Trampers and Climbers -) - For a registration form, equipment list and any further information please contact Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com, giving your full details, membership number

August 4th - Avalanche Awareness Course for Skiers - If interested, please email Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com , including some details about yourself and skiing ability.

7th September (evening and 8th-9th - Intermediate (Snow 2) Course - Please contact Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com with some back ground information on yourself, experience level, where you live and NZAC members details

29th September to 7th October - Tasman Glacier Spring Climbing Camp -If interested please contact Matt at buckmatthews73@gmail.com

Mid-week mountaineering

The mid-week group are mainly fairly mature mountaineers who still manage to plod up a few peaks, usually on Wednesdays, weather permitting. Most of the trips are not technical climbing but scrambling at a fairly relaxed pace. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pat Prendergast on 337 0079 or email pat@slingshot.co.nz

Mid Week Rock Climbing

A new and exciting format from September (day light savings start) onwards.

Instead of one set evening each week, we are hoping to be able to offer people a choice of two nights each week and the nights will vary depending on who is looking after the group. We believe by doing this instead of the old system, it will give people more opportunities to get out climbing and we welcome people of all abilities from beginners to experts.

A few things to note when rock climbing with the mid week group – helmets are compulsory when climbing and belaying (if you don't have a helmet, please source one or talk to the climbing co-ordinator and they will try and have one available). Also, for those new to climbing and not sure on how to belay, we can assist in this so please ask if you are not sure. We now also have available, two top rope kits (each with a rope, biners and slings), and these will be available each week for the person in charge to use rather than their own equipment and for those climbers who don't want to lead but top rope instead.

Climbing will usually run from approximately 4.30 pm onwards (depending on the person in charge on the night), outdoors if fine and during daylight savings hours or indoors if the weather is no good and outside of daylight savings hours.

We also welcome and would appreciate people assisting from time to time on a roster basis rather than relying on the same people every week having to look after the climbing group so please contact Clayton if you are able to help out (it's not too much of a difficult task to look after things and we can run through what is required).

If you are keen to attend and are on the google climbing group already, we will email out at the start of the week with which nights we are running climbing and who is in charge and their contact details. If you would like to be on the group list, please email Clayton on claytongarbes@hotmail.com or by texting on 0274461562. All welcome, including non members.

Mt Norma - 21st - 22nd July

A great winter top's trip, ideally suited for those with limited experience above the snow line but have good ice axe and crampon technique and moderate fitness.

Mt Norma is 1772m high and located in the Opera range of the Lewis Pass (map references of BT 23 and BU 23), between the Nina and Lewis rivers and has a 1000m height gain.

Depending on the numbers, fitness level and weather , this trip will either run as a full day or leisurely overnight trip, camping on the tops so appropriate winter camping equipment may be required.

This trip as a great way of getting people out and onto the tops in winter, without it being a difficult objective.

If you are interested in this trip or would like some more information, please contact Geoff on ggeeoffss@gmail.com , with some details about yourself and experience level (the more info you can give in the least amount of emails, the better for everyone!).

Approximate cost \$30 (fuel reimbursement to drivers).

Avalanche Awareness for trampers and climbers - Friday 20th July (evening seminar) and Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd (in the field)

FOR CURRENT NZAC MEMBERS ONLY

PLEASE NOTE – This is NOT a weekend course, instead, you get to choose one of the two days above (on a first in and registered basis) plus the 2 hour (COMPULSORY TO ATTEND) evening seminar on the Friday evening.

This one evening and one day course outlines the basics of the avalanche phenomenon and sets people up for further learning and to be a safer member of a group travelling in winter terrain.

What will be Taught:

- Avalanche equipment and its use.
- Trip planning.
- Terrain choice and navigation.
- Small party rescue.

When and Where:

Friday 20th July (evening seminar, doors open 6pm for a 6.15pm SHARP start), at NZAC HQ, Unit 6 / 6 Raycroft Street in Opawa and Saturday 21st or Sunday 22nd July (first in get to choose and you may have to have flexibility for both days if the course fills up as limited spaces on each day), and a full day in the field, 8.30am to 4.30pm at Mt Cheeseman Skifield (meeting at the car park before the 8.30am start time).

Course Cost (For current NZAC members only upon registering).

\$100 will cover the evening seminar, day in the field at Mt Cheeseman, additional course paperwork, free use of avalanche kit (transceiver / shovel and probe).

Car pooling from Christchurch is encouraged and those wishing to do this can arrange with fellow students at the conclusion of the Friday evening seminar.

At a minimum, you **MUST KNOW** how to use an ice axe and crampons – **NO EXCEPTIONS** (proof of this will be required upon applying – please give your experience level).

For a registration form, equipment list and any further information please contact Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com, giving your full details, membership number etc and **DO NOT** apply on behalf of others – all attending must apply themselves.

Avalanche Awareness Course for Skiers - August 4th

Expressions of interest are being sought for those members who might be interested in a one evening (seminar) and one day (in the field), Avalanche awareness course for skiers.

The dates pencilled in are Friday 3rd August (compulsory evening seminar) and Saturday 4th August.

The cost for this NZAC members only course would be \$100 and limited to 6 students only.

If interested, please email Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com, including some details about yourself and skiing ability.

Intermediate (Snow 2 Course - September 7th (Evening) 8th and 9th

This course, to be held at Arthurs Pass, is not for beginners and at a minimum you must have attended a Snow One or equivalent course or be an experienced alpine tramper with sound ice axe and crampon use who is looking to progressing to climbing on steeper mountain terrain and experience with belaying a lead climber when rock climbing.

WHAT WILL BE TAUGHT:

Snow anchors and construction, natural rock anchors (bollards and threads), pitch climbing techniques, steep snow climbing, escaping the system.

WHAT WILL NOT BE TAUGHT:

Glacier travel, crevasse rescue, avalanche awareness, lead belaying.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND:

Current NZAC members only upon the return or the completed registration form. Knowledge of avalanche awareness, equipment and its use.

Know how to lead belay (not with a gri gri).

Good fitness level

Knowledge of knots (list provided with course registration details).

Payment of the course fee of \$375 must be made within 7 days of return of registration form and confirmed when deposited so it can be checked.

This course is only for members who can car pool from Christchurch on the Friday evening, leaving 5pm at the latest as the course starts at 7pm SHARP in Arthurs Pass.

What the course fee WILL cover:

Friday night accommodation at NZAC Arthurs Pass Lodge, Saturday evening meal, accommodation, 2 x lunch and 1 x breakfast at Temple Basin Ski Field, equipment highlighted if requested, two days instruction by an experienced guide and instructors (please provide Friday evening meal and Saturday morning breakfast as well as snack food and drinks). FUEL reimbursements to drivers must be made by the students who are car pooling.

If attending from outside of Christchurch – you must source all your own equipment (apart from team gear) and guarantee it is correct - GET IT CHECKED IF UNSURE !

The course has a maximum of 8 students and is on a first come, members only basis and your spot is only guaranteed upon payment and registration. There is NO REFUND if you withdraw from the course without sufficient time to find a replacement for your spot.

Please contact Clayton on nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com with some background information on yourself, experience level, where you live and NZAC members details (the more you answer in one inquiry, the less email tag and more chance you will get a spot!).

Tasman Glacier Spring Climbing Camp 29th September – 7th October

The Upper Tasman Glacier is home to some of the most impressive summits in the Mount Cook National Park. Peaks such as Elie de Beaumont, Malte Brun, The Minarets and De La Beche line either side of the Tasman Valley and provide excellent climbing opportunities for those who venture to its upper reaches.

The plan on the Spring Climbing Camp will be to maximise the weather window available and fly in and fly out of the head of the Tasman Glacier. Therefore, we ask that all climbers interested allow for departure/return dates spanning both weekends. Sleeping arrangements will involve staying in alpine huts and bivvying.

Numbers for this climbing trip are limited with all climbers required to pay flight costs of approximately \$300 per person.

All climbers interested must be NZAC members. Also climbers should have sound NZ mountaineering skills such as experience with glacier travel, building snow anchors and a solid crampon/ice axe technique.

If interested please contact Matt at buckmatthews73@gmail.com

Notices

Te Ara Kakariki Trust/ Greenway Cantebrury Trust

We have an exciting Spring season planned ahead for **2018**. Our main planting dates are set, so put these dates in your schedule!

Saturday September 8th – Lincoln, Tai Tapu and Porthills

Saturday September 22nd – Hororata and Springfield

To register go to:

<https://www.kakariki.org.nz/how-to-help/volunteer/>

Note, back up dates incase of rainy weather for each plantout are the weekend after. We need lots of helping hands on these dates, so don't hesitate to register!

Details for Saturday 8th – we provide buses from Christchurch city and around Selwyn, lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

Details for Saturday 22nd – we provide buses from Christchurch city and around Selwyn, lunch, morning and afternoon tea, and an early dinner at the Hororata Hall with live music. We would appreciate a \$10 contribution per person to help cover a % of the cost.

Why become a volunteer !

With less than 1% of vegetation remaining on the Canterbury Plains, we need you help to plant native greendots. Every year Te Ara Kākāriki plants natives at a number of sites.

Te Ara Kākāriki invites those with an interest in the environment or those that love getting outdoors or those that want to contribute. Get involved. Volunteer to become active agents of change. You can volunteer for one of both of the Canterbury Plantout days in spring.

To get involved in planting natives across the Canterbury plains
email office@kakariki.org.nz

Expedition Fund – 2018 Call for Applications and Donations

Members, Donors and Expedition Leaders are reminded that applications for the next round of Expedition Fund Grant approvals are being sought. The deadline for the latest round is 31 July 2018.

To apply and for further information, please visit the [Expedition Fund](http://alpineclub.org.nz/expedition-fund/) webpage:
alpineclub.org.nz/expedition-fund/

Darrans Winter Climbing Meet

The 11th annual Darrans Winter Climbing Meet will take place from Saturday the 7th, through until Sunday the 15th of July 2018. As with previous years the Meet will be based out of Homer Hut in the heart of the Darran Mountains.

The hut fees for adults at Homer are \$20 per night for NZAC member and \$35 per night for.

For more information go to https://alpineclub.org.nz/single-event/?event_id=2917843

New member discounts

Cross Country Rentals NEW 10% discount to members

Please present your active NZAC membership card at the time of quoting for a discount.

Cross Country Rentals is a family owned rental vehicle company and a division of the award-winning Tranzit Group. Tranzit Group was established in 1924 and we've been doing what we enjoy most for over 90 years – transporting people! We have over 1000 vehicles in our fleet including cars, 4WD utes, vans, minibuses, people movers, trucks and trailers, so whatever you're looking for, we can almost guarantee you'll find it with us.

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/25731-cross-country-rentals/>

Potton and Burton Publication Discount to Members

The following two publication discount offers have been reactivated for 10% off for members' purchases online. Of note 'Caves' has just been awarded the Judith Binney Best First Book – Illustrated Non-fiction Category Winner at the recent 2018 Ockham Book Awards:

Caves: exploring New Zealand's Subterranean Wilderness by Marcus Thomas and Neil Silverwood

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/potton-and-burton-caves/>

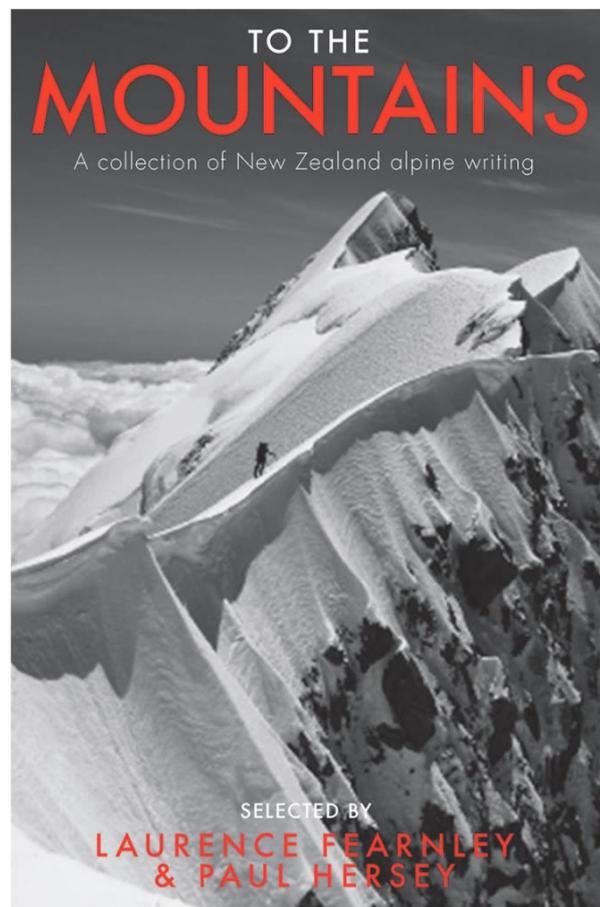
Edmund Hillary: a biography by Michael Gill

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/potton-and-burton-edmund-hillary-2/>

To the Mountains

From the Darrans of Fiordland to Denali in Alaska, New Zealand climbers, both experienced and recreational, have captured their alpine experience in letters, journals, articles, memoirs, poems and novels.

Drawing on 150 years of published and unpublished material, Laurence Fearnley and Paul Hersey, two top contemporary authors, have compiled a wide-ranging, fascinating and moving glimpse into New Zealand's mountaineering culture and the people who write about it. Editors: Laurence Fearnley and Paul Hersey 250mm x 150mm, hardback, black and white 372 pages



Have a go day

The Selwyn Sports Trust in partnership with the Selwyn District Council are holding the 2018 *Have a Go Day on Sunday 26 August 12pm-3pm at the Darfield Domain (postponement 3 Sept)*.

The Sport and Recreation Have a Go Day is designed to showcase the variety of sport and recreation activities available around Selwyn for all ages. It's also a great way to show that keeping active during the winter months is very much possible. In 2017 this event reached over 1,000 people giving sports/activities/games a go.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour - Thank you!

A massive thanks to everyone who came out in June to the Banff screenings! Support is growing for this amazing film tour year-on-year, which is great as this is our clubs major fundraising event. A fantastic lineup of films was enjoyed by over 2650 people with three sell-out screenings and only a hand full of tickets left remaining for the Saturday Matinee.

Thank you to our national sponsors Macpac, World Expeditions, Adventure South and NZ Ski as well as the dedicated list of local volunteers who played a big role in pulling the event together and helping on the night. Make sure you put next year's screening in your calendar now: 6th to 8th June 2019

-Adam Humphries - Canterbury/ Westland Events Coordinator

Please fill out this audience survey:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/2018-banff-mountain-film-festival-world-tour-nz-audience-survey/>

IT'S ABOUT GIVING IT A GO!

"CALLING ALL CLIMBING ENTHUSIASTS!"

The 2018 Canterbury Westland Section Youth Scholarship will be awarded to one male and one female with applications open to people aged 16 to 21.

The 2018 scholarship assists young people to improve their knowledge of climbing and their outdoor skills by providing the following components - a combined value of over \$800!

- A year membership to the New Zealand Alpine Club
- \$400 towards any NZAC instruction course
- Free gear hire for a year from the NZAC - Canterbury Westland section
- 1 Macpac pack
- 1 rock climbing harness from Aspiring Safety
- 1 Family Pass (2 x adult, 2 x children) to the 2019 Banff Mountain Film Festival matinée screening in Christchurch

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the application also on this Facebook post then attach a letter of endorsement from an established climber or NZAC member, confirming your passion for the outdoors and send both to...

cw.chairperson@gmail.com

Applications must be received by 31 August 2018

Winners will be contacted prior to the October section meeting of the Canterbury Westland Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club, where an announcement will be of the two scholarship winners.

NZAC CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION

2018
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP
2018

Avalanche evening

CHRISTCHURCH

When
**WEDNESDAY
25TH JULY**

Time
**STARTS 7PM
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Canterbury / Westland Section Gear Hire

(For NZAC Members only)

The C/W Section has a good range of equipment available to be hired to members. Section trips and instruction will take priority but members are more than welcome to hire on private trips and for other people on those trips (members or non members). All equipment hired is on a cash only basis with a receipt provided and must be paid when picking up (please don't ask to pay online or after the completion of the trip – no \$ up front, no hire, no exceptions!).

Equipment must be returned within 24 hours of completion of hire period or by arrangement, otherwise an additional 'late return' fee may incur.

All equipment hired must be returned in a clean and undamaged state and the hirer is responsible for any loss or damage and may be required to cover any repair or replacement costs.

Bulk hire or for extended hire periods will get a discount on the daily rate of \$10 per day per item and \$5 each extra day (for all items unless stated).

Equipment List

Plastic and rigid leather mountaineering boots (20 pair of limited sizes).

Crampons (9 pair – fully adjustable).

Walking ice axes (9 of various lengths).

Technical ice axes and hammers (5 pair of various kinds).

Avalanche kits (12 sets of Pieps DSP sport transceivers/shovels and probes).

Snow shoes (2 pair).

EPIRB (1 x emergency locator beacon).

Alpine ropes (6 x 50 metre dry – NZAC courses only not private hire).

Helmets (6 of various models). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Harnesses (3 of various sizes). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Snow stakes (8 with mid clip wire). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Ice screws (12 x various BD and Petzl). \$5 per day and \$2.50 each extra day.

Trad gear – various sizes of cams, hexes and nuts (NZAC courses only not private hire).

Price on quantity.

To arrange hire contact is by two options only – text only on 0274461562 for quickest reply or email nzacinstructionandgearhire@gmail.com for evening reply.

Flexible times are available to hire gear but most evenings from Sunday to Thursday only (please do not contact 'last minute' on a Friday expecting to pick up gear the same day)

Trip guidelines

An important part of the NZAC is volunteer organised trips. Many members will have had their first alpine experiences on club trips. And many will also have organised trips, helping other members enjoy our alpine environment. If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect. Check out the NZAC Trips page <https://alpineclub.org.nz/resources/organising-trips/> for resources to assist you with planning a section trip."

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

- You are responsible for your own safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation it is up to you to let your Trip organiser know straight away.
- Be prepared to drive or pay transport costs (petrol, wear and tear) as determined by the Trip organiser.
- Make sure you are as fit and healthy as possible.
- Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be required of you to achieve those goals. Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, what type of terrain is involved, what gear you will need and the knowledge of how to use it.
- Be honest to your Trip Organiser about how much experience you have and accept that the Trip Organiser might not accept you on the trip if he/she thinks you are not experienced enough.
- Get in contact with the Trip Organiser as soon as you are confident that you want to go on the trip.
- If you discover that you cannot go on the trip then let the Trip Organiser know as soon as possible so that another person can take your place.
- Read, understand and return the signed copy of the NZAC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

Responsibilities of a Trip organiser

- Trips should be fun for everyone. They are not very hard to organise and can be very rewarding. Choose a mountain, peak, hill, traverse, route, crag, or whatever and get out there and meet some keen club members!
- You cannot be responsible for the safety of every member of the group, but you should aim to empower every group member with enough knowledge to make their own informed decisions about the proposed trip both before and during the trip.
- Choose a realistic goal for the time available and give prospective group members an idea of the amount of effort required to achieve the stated goal
- Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and group fitness and experience.
- Let the group know what skills and equipment are needed when they sign up so that everyone is prepared.
- Provide the trip Participants with a copy of the NZAC waiver form and have them understand, sign and return it to you in advance of the trip.
- Organise travel arrangements at the earliest opportunity and let everyone know how much they should expect to pay for transport costs (petrol, wear and tear).
- Prepare detailed trip intentions and leave them with at least one responsible individual. The intentions should include a latest return time/date which would trigger a search initiated by the responsible individual(s) and involving the relevant authorities (Police, SAR, etc).
- If someone on the trip voices their concern about the situation it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a safe solution where possible. This may involve everyone turning around.
- Give priority to NZAC members
- Find someone on the trip to write an interesting trip report for the Section Newsletter.

Benefits for NZAC members

NZAC Membership gives you access to many discounts with the following retailers.

You may be asked to present your active NZAC membership.

To see full terms and conditions and other benefits of being a member, please visit

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/benefits-of-membership>



Section Library

Section Library Did you know that the Section has its own library and that unlike the National Office library you can actually borrow the books in the Section library?

Every section meeting I will bring a good selection of the hundreds of books in the library, along with the DVDs.

The contents of the C/W Section library can be found online

here: <http://bit.ly/CWLibrary> (Note: There is a list of DVDs on the second tab of the spreadsheet). If you would like to borrow a book or DVD then please email me and we'll sort something out.

Library policies are pretty flexible –

- You must have a current NZAC membership card to borrow
- Books are generally to be returned within 2 months, but new purchases will be expected to be returned within 1 month.
- DVDs are expected to be returned within 2 weeks.

When you are ready to return a book, email me.

John Roper-Lindsay - Librarian , john@roperlindsay.com, 021 395513

NOTE: - You may return books/DVDs in one of 4 ways.

- 1) Return them to next Section meeting.
- 2) Drop them off at National Office and tell whomever you speak to that they are for C/W library.
- 3) Drop them off at Boffa Miskell office at Boffa Miskell 141 Cambridge Tce, 1st floor (near Hagley Park, just off Lincoln Road), marked for “Yvonne”.
- 4) Email/text/phone me to arrange handover some other way

NZAC Deceased Members

Canterbury/Westland Section of The New Zealand Alpine Club

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Section Library

<http://bit.ly/CWLibrary>

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